Jiribam is organized and managed by 6 Dy. Chief Engineers posted at Lumding, Haflong and Silchar under the administrative control of Chief Engineer at Maligaon.

(c) Dy. Chief Engineer (Construction) office is already existing at Silchar for the project.

(d) Does not arise.

Vacancies in Group 'D'

1182. SHRIMATI PREMACARIAPPA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are about 20,000 vacancies in Group 'D' in safety category lying vacant in the Railways, till date;

(b) if so, by what time these are likely to be filled up;

(c) whether it is also a fact that on an average six consequential accidents occur every week including collision, derailment, fire or otherwise; and

(d) if so, what are details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No time frame can be fixed as arising & filling up of vacancies on the Railways is a continuous process. The vacancies keep on arising and getting filled up by various modes of recruitment. However, instructions exist for expeditious filling up of vacancies especially those in safety categories.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Transportation of goods by railway wagons

†1183. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA:

SHRI BHAGWATI SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that the transportation of goods in terms of weight through the railway wagons is more than the prescribed capacity;

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.